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pression of trade, that the case of the really destitute poor in the manufacturing towns of Scotland is not then so bad as during the years of ordinary prosperity. Many of the better class of operatives require to submit to a much greater degree of suffering and privation than they are accustomed to, and the effects of these privations are much to be dreaded in the event of an unhealthy season setting in upon them. But the extraordinary exertions made by subscriptions from the more wealthy inhabitants, and from public funds, to supply food and clothing to the poor, by means of soup kitchens, distribution of old clothes, and otherwise, over and above the ordinary parochial relief, often renders the condition of the really destitute much better at these times than it is under ordinary circumstances. We cannot, therefore, form such a correct judgment of the effects of destitution during these years on the mortality of large towns in Scotland as is generally imagined.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Fourth Ordinary Meeting, February 20, 1843.

THOMAS TOOKE, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

M. Victor Misson, of Brussels, was elected a foreign honorary member.

The following gentlemen were elected :—

Charles Lyall, Esq.

Benjamin Smith, Esq.

Frederick Lack, Esq.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society :—

Michael Connal, Esq.

Rev. Howell Phillips, M.A.

Edward Cresy, Esq.

A paper was read by Henry Tremmenheere, Esq. "On the Agricultural and Educational Statistics of Five Rural Parishes in Middlesex," (*see* p. 120.)

Mr. Fletcher then read some "Contributions to the Agricultural Statistics of the South-Eastern Counties," (*see* p. 130.)

General Anniversary Meeting, March 15, 1843.

The Most Noble the MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, President, in the Chair.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Council to the Society, with the Auditors' Report and Balance-sheet, was read and adopted, (*see* p. 89.)

John Dunlop, Esq., and Thomas Attree, Esq. were appointed Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Council and Officers, and those gentlemen having declared the result of the votes, it was announced from the chair that the following noblemen and gentlemen were elected as the Officers and Council for 1843-4 :—

Officers.

The Right Hon. Lord Ashley, M.P., *President.*

G. R. Porter, Esq., F.R.S., *Treasurer.*

Joseph Fletcher, Esq.,

W. A. Guy, Esq., M.D.,

W. D. Oswald, Esq.,

} *Honorary Secretaries.*

Council.

Charles Ansell, Esq., F.R.S.
 Right Hon. Lord Ashley, M.P.
 Sir John P. Boileau, Bart.
 Right Hon. Sturges Bourne, F.R.S.
 John Bowring, Esq., LL.D., M.P.
 John Clendinning, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.
 George Coode, Esq.
 Viscount Ebrington, M.P.
 Rev. Edgell Wyatt Edgell.
 William Farr, Esq.
 Joseph Fletcher, Esq.
 Francis H. Goldsmid, Esq.
 Wm. Aug. Guy, Esq., M.D.
 Henry Hallam, Esq., F.R.S.
 James Heywood, Esq., F.R.S.
 Rowland Hill, Esq.

Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P., F.R.S.
 Nathaniel Lister, Esq., M.D.
 Right Hon. Earl Lovelace.
 Herman Merivale, Esq.
 Right Hon. Lord Monteagle.
 William D. Oswald, Esq.
 G. R. Porter, Esq., F.R.S.
 Rev. Whitworth Russell.
 Viscount Sandon, M.P.
 Lieut.-Colonel Sykes, F.R.S.
 Thomas Tooke, Esq., F.R.S.
 Seymour Tremenehere, Esq.
 Major A. M. Tulloch.
 James Whishaw, Esq.
 James Wilson, Esq.

The thanks of the Society were voted to the Most Noble the Marquis of Lansdowne for his general attention to the interests of the Society, and the meeting adjourned.

Fifth Ordinary Meeting, March 20, 1843.

Sir CHARLES LEMON, Bart., M.P., V.P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were formally admitted Fellows of the Society :—

John Noble, Esq.

Frederick Lack, Esq.

Joseph Hansom, Esq.

John Elliott, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :—

Michael Connal, Esq.

Rev. Howell Phillips, M.A.

Edward Cresy, Esq.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society :—

The Rev. John Wallis.

Samuel Nettleship, Esq.

A paper was read by Lieut.-Col. Sykes "On the Statistics of Civil and Criminal Justice in British India," (*see* p. 94.)

A second paper was read by W. A. Guy, Esq., M.D., being "An Attempt to determine the Influence of Seasons and Weather on Sickness and Mortality," (*see* p. 133.)

Sixth Ordinary Meeting, April 24, 1843.

THOMAS TOOKE, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were elected :—

Samuel Nettleship, Esq.

Rev. John Wallis.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society :—

William Copperthwaite, Esq.

Philip Rose, Esq.

Robert Cheere, Esq.

The Chairman announced that the Right Hon. Lord Ashley, M.P., President of the Society, had appointed the following noblemen and gentlemen Vice-Presidents of the Society :—

Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.

Lieut.-Col. Sykes, F.R.S.

Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P.

Thomas Tooke, Esq., F.R.S.

The conclusion of Lieut.-Col. Sykes's paper "On the Statistics of Civil and Criminal Justice in British India," was read, (*see* p. 94, et seq.)

The reading of Dr. Guy's paper "On the Influence of the Seasons and Weather on Sickness and Mortality, was concluded," (*see* p. 133, et seq.)

An abstract by Mr. Valpy, of the Remarks on the Influence of the Seasons, on Deaths and Births at Geneva made by M. Edouard Mallet, in his "Recherches Historiques et Statistiques sur la Population de Geneva," was then read.

A paper "On the Traffic and Accidents upon Railways in Great Britain, during the year 1842, abstracted from the Official Report, by C. R. Weld, Esq.," was read; to appear in a subsequent Number.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLES.

Meteorological Table for the Winter and Spring Months of the Ten Years 1831-40, (in continuation of the Table at p. 84.)

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
Mean height of barometer in inches	29·880	29·811	29·856	29·870	29·899	29·859
Self-registering thermometer:—						
Highest	55°·2	59°·5	64°·4	72°·2	81°·4	86°·7
Lowest	11·4	24·8	26·0	28·0	33·7	43·2
Mean of daily maxima . .	41·8	44·6	47·1	52·7	62·8	70·1
Mean of daily minima . .	34·6	36·3	37·5	41·1	47·4	54·7
Mean temperature	38·2	40·5	42·3	46·9	55·1	62·4
Dew point (mean)	34·6	36°·2	37°·7	41°·9	47°·8	55°·0
Difference between wet and dry bulb (4 years, 1837-40) mean . }	1·8	2·0	2·8	4·2	6·6	7·0
Rain in inches	1·005	1·104	·777	·973	1·217	1·837
Number of days in which rain fell	8·4	9·2	8·3	9·6	8·2	12·6

A Meteorological Table of the Autumn Quarters ending December 31; deduced from Observations made at the Apartments of the Royal Society, London.

	Ten Autumns, 1831-40.	Autumn, 1842.
Mean height of barometer in inches	29·835	29·885
Self-registering thermometer. {		
Highest	70°·2	60°·7
Lowest	21·0	32·7
Mean of daily maxima . .	50·0	51·0
Mean of daily minima . .	41·7	42·1
Mean temperature	45·8	46·5
Dew point (mean)	42·8	42·7
Difference between wet and dry bulb of the thermometer (mean) }	2·4	2·4
Rain in inches	4·631	6·011
Number of days in which rain fell	32	28